Automated Commercial Environment—Requirements Recommendation

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Requirement

Participants in Track 4 must transmit all data electronically.

Business Need

There are currently 5 data elements required in Track 4 that are not supplied to the carriers and are not required in the current AMS environment. As these data elements are alpha/numeric codes unique to the shipment, to assure accuracy in the data submission and acceptance as a Track 4 shipment, data must be communicated to all parties electronically. This will avoid keying errors and ensure a smooth, uninterrupted release of the Track 4 import.

Technical Need

The five required Track 4 data elements that:

- **Issuer/Transaction Number**
- **Importer's T4 Code**
- **Entry Filer (required field in ITDS Pilot for Truck)**
- **Seller/Vendor**
- **Purchaser/Buyer**

Benefits

To assure Track 4 shipments move smoothly data elements must not be keyed and re-keyed multiple times. An electronic stream of data from all parties will avoid discrepancies and shipment holds at the entry ports.

Risks

If customs decides to have carriers transmit these Track 4 data elements major modification to carriers' systems must be done to participate.

Some carriers would strongly resist reprogramming their systems to carry non-transportation data.

Related Subcommittees

Priority: **Critical X** **High ☐** **Medium ☐** **Low ☐**

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